

Witnesses

terrestially speaking nothing
is to be denied
or disbelieved.

sunday athens morning
doorbells, as might at home
(or any day at all) ring:
on the stairs
two girls.

parakalo
you speak english
sorry dee-sturb you we are je
hovahs witness come
speak of bible.

highly un
orthodox i'd say. no
friend
i do not know
where
greece is....

-- Rolla Rieder

Conway, Massachusetts

the growly lake

on the strings of their children
the martins soar and plunge
among the cottonwood trees
stepping down the low stream
to the growly lake

which is biting all the children
but its teeth are so soft
they only laugh

and the sandy wind
scratches the back of the water

only the sweetly smiling sun
singing a silent song to himself
thinking about other things
will bite them tonight

now the sand fleas flip and flop
away from the wet feet of the children
and coming upon the mothers sitting quietly
bite and bite a little.